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re: founding of the legally independent research entities
in france and belgium

dear tom:

i would like to give you a picture of the status of the project
to found the legally independent research companies in france
and belgium.

i called mr. darrah on thursday, u21. jan. 88, following your
phone call of the 20. jan. 88 in which you gave me the green
light for founding the companies. mr. darrah expressed his
intention to take immediate measures to begin the operation.
on the next day, friday, 22. jan. 88, he called and he, mr. b.
brooks and i discussed the main aspects, i. e. necessity and
urgency of the project as well as the locations foreseen. at
this point i gave mr. brooks a run down of the legal issues
and their possible solutions as provided by legal experts.

after repeated attempts to get in touch with mr. darrah i was
finally able to reach him on tuesday, 2. feb. 88. he then told
me that mr. brooks would have his legal analysis and evaluation
finished before the end of the week. in a conversation i had
today with mr. brooks he told me that he was otherwise occupied
and wanted to start the work on his part of the project today.
he also returned to the question of necessity, urgency and
location and in this regard took up my original suggestion to
have a meeting. he will call me at the beginning of next week
to propose a date for the meeting.

by no means do i want you to get the impression that i am
looking critically at mr. brooks with whom i enjoy a cordial
and cooperative relationship. nonetheless, i have the feeling
that something may have gone wrong somewhere down the line.
hence, i think it would be a good idea if we could clear
this up on the telephone this afternoon.

with kind regards,

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ps: if you like i will send you per telefax some copies of the
information i provided to mr. brooks last week by telefax.

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